enterprises; additional target for States fulfiling allotted target, and that Banks may be associated with the process of scrutiny and screening of the applications.

(c) Action has already been initiated.

Consumer-based Non-conventional Energy Programmes

1804. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any consumer-based non-conventional energy programmes which are popular and used by individuals consumers;

(b) if so, the details of the programmes;

(c) whether voluntary organisations working in the interest of consumer education are directly involved in implementing the programme; and

(d) if so, the terms and conditions and the criteria adopted for giving financial assistance to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government is implementing a wide range of consumer based non-conventional energy programmes such as Biogas, improved chulha, Solar Photovoltaics, Biomass gasifications, Solar Cooker and Solar domestic Water Heating Systems through State Nodal Agencies, NGOs etc. in the country. Under these programmes family size biogas plants, improved chulhas, solar lanterns, domestic and street lighting systems, village level power plants, solar cooker and domestic water heating systems are provided/installed/promoted to meet the energy needs of the individual consumer/family/village. These programmes are quite popular among the users.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The voluntary organisations are also involved in consumer education, awareness creation and implementation of the consumer based non-conventional energy programmes. Financial assistance is provided to them on the basis of their expertise, experience, available infrastructure and past performance on terms and conditions laid down under various programmes.

Pesticides Causing Foetal Disorders

1805. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether pesticides are causing serious foetal disorders in women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the existing laws on pesticides are vigorously implemented all over the country;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the remedial measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the house.

Work-load in Ordnance Parachute Factory

1806. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ordnance Parachute Factory has been reducing its work load for item manufacturing to enable private sector to take up these jobs;

(b) whether, as a result thereof, the rate of products and utilisation of installed capacity has been lowering down day by day;